



Brownfields 2007 Grant Fact Sheet

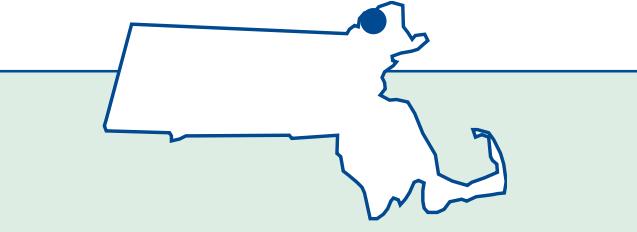
Haverhill, MA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

The City of Haverhill was selected to receive two brownfields assessment grants and a brownfields cleanup grant. Located in northern Essex County on the New Hampshire border, Haverhill (population 58,969) was once well-known for its shoe industry. In 1890, over 11,000 people were employed in the industry, and that number continued to grow into the early 20th Century. Following World War II, the industry in Haverhill faded and disappeared entirely by the 1970s. The city was left with a legacy of abandoned and underused sites that resulted in disinvestment in the urban core. Of the 87 listed hazardous sites in Haverhill, about 19 are in the downtown target area. Of the 141 petroleum sites in Haverhill, about 30 are in the downtown target area. The poverty level in the area exceeds 20 percent. Twenty-six percent of



Assessment Grants

New
2007

\$200,000 for hazardous substances
\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Haverhill for two brownfields assessment grants. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to identify and prioritize brownfields, and perform eight to ten Phase I and two to three Phase II environmental site assessments. Petroleum grant funds will be used to perform four to five Phase I and two to three Phase II environmental site assessments. Both grants will be used to support community involvement activities.

Cleanup Grant

New
2007

\$200,000 for petroleum

EPA has selected the City of Haverhill for a brownfields cleanup grant. Grant funds will be used to clean up the former Ted's for Tires site at 57 Granite Street. Contaminated by petroleum products, this site is currently a paved parking lot. Funds also will be used to conduct cleanup oversight and support community involvement activities.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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The information presented in this fact sheet comes from the grant proposal; EPA cannot attest to the accuracy of this information. The cooperative agreement for the grant has not yet been negoti-

residents are minorities. Assessment of the city's brownfields will help expedite redevelopment, which will, in turn, improve access to the Merrimack Riverfront. Cleanup of the Granite Street site will improve the quality of stormwater runoff into the nearby Merrimack River. The city is considering reusing this site as a new intermodal transit center and parking garage.

ated. Therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.